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Matthew: In a world where Christopher Columbus never “discovered” America

- Native language/writing system
- Capitalism might not have been globally dominant in the future
- If the Portuguese were the first to discover America, it would change the history of Europe completely.
- Musical genres such as rap, r&b, hip hop that were born out of African American experience may not have been developed
- Native American nation instead of various tribes
 - Artifact Idea: Totem Flagpole
 - Alphabet block

Matthew: In a world where oil does not exist as a natural resource.

- The military industrial complex might not exist/Oil billionaires would not own the government
- Less impact on global warming
- New forms of energy will be found to replace oil
 - Artifact Idea: Container for alternative fuel source
 - Artifact Idea: Wind Collector of sorts

Victoria: If digital technology did not exist

- Analog means of completing tasks/communication
- More complex ways to execute tasks
- More time for person to person contact
- Less connectivity to the world outside your local community
 - Artifact Idea: Radio transmitter?

Matthew: In a world where there is more land than water.

- More peoples/total population
- Less variety of aquatic animals
- More food for growing dry land farm
- Much hotter planet, more deserts as result, less oxygen/more CO2
 - Artifact Idea: Global map or Globe, land adapted animal
 - Oxygen Mask that filters CO2?

Victoria: In a world where human and alien societies made contact and intermingled

- We have invented multilingual converters
- New dimensions discovered
- Terrestrial/alien hybrid life forms
 - Artifact Idea: Multilingual converter(mouthpiece of some sort?)

- Symbol of peace? Pendant/emblem of sorts

Yixin : If the sun only existed for three hours in a world

- We would develop tapetum lucidum to see at night
- Altering circadian rhythm
- Melanin levels/appearances would differ
- Eyes would be sensitive to light
 - Artifact Idea: Stimulating artificial tapetum lucidum eye armour
 - Artifact Idea: Eye Shaders: something that prevents too much light from getting into your eyes(goggles of sorts)

Victoria: If humans walked on their hands instead of feet

- Spiked gloves